My Bald Eagle Fact File

Read the bald eagle fact page, then fill in your fact file.

Name: _____ Date: _____

Draw a bald eagle

Bald Eagle facts

Size: _____

Weight: _____

Lifespan: _____

Diet: _____

Habitat: _____

Where: _____

Status: _____

Match the word to its meaning

1. bird of prey ____	A. a baby eagle
2. talons ____	B. the long, sharp, curved claws of a bird of prey
3. carrion ____	C. the meat of an animal that is already dead
4. eaglet ____	D. a bird that hunts animals with sharp talons and a hooked beak
5. DDT ____	E. a chemical once used to kill insects that harmed bald eagle eggs

The most amazing thing I learned about bald eagles

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Answer Key

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Bald Eagle facts

Scientific name:	Haliaeetus leucocephalus
Size:	28–40 in long; wings 6–7.5 ft
Weight:	About 6.5–14 lb; females bigger
Lifespan:	About 20 years in the wild
Diet:	Mostly fish; also birds, carrion
Habitat:	Near lakes, rivers and coasts
Where:	Canada, US and northern Mexico
Status:	IUCN Least Concern

Accept any answer that matches the fact page; sizes and lifespans are approximate.

Word match

1–D, 2–B, 3–C, 4–A, 5–E

Wow facts to share

- A record bald eagle nest weighed almost 6,000 pounds.
- In 1963 only 417 nesting pairs were known in the lower 48 states.
- Young bald eagles don't get white heads until about 5 years old.